

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF CAM MARTIN

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual, Mr. J. Campbell "Cam" Martin, in recognition of his retirement from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). After four decades of Federal service, Cam recently retired from NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base, California.

Cam earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Logistics from Pennsylvania State University. Later, he received a Master of Arts & Administrative Sciences from George Washington University. A longtime patriot and public servant, Cam served in the United States Navy before beginning his career with NASA Langley Research Center in 1988. While at Langley, he received the NASA Group Achievement Award for the Airborne Wind Shear Flight Operations Campaign foreshadowing a long and fruitful career. In 1994, NASA Armstrong, formerly NASA Dryden Flight Research Center, was fortunate to gain Cam as Chief of the Office of External Affairs, and he has remained an integral member of the Armstrong community.

Cam distinguished himself as a man who truly loved what he did, and he never failed to inspire an interest in aeronautical science with those who worked with him. It was this passion that drove Cam to advocate for years to change the name of the Dryden Flight Research Center to the Armstrong Flight Research Center. Cam knew better than most of Neil Armstrong's legacy as a test pilot at the Center from 1955 to 1962, and through his great effort and collaboration with NASA and our community, the site was renamed in 2014 after the first person to walk on the Moon.

As Armstrong's Legislative Affairs liaison, Cam has served as an incredible resource on all things space and science-related, always underscoring why NASA's mission is worthy of support. Usually soft-spoken, whenever Cam started to extol the great work being done at Armstrong, I could hear the excitement and passion rise in his voice. He never engaged in hyperbole—he never had to since the work at Armstrong is truly amazing. During Cam's tenure at Armstrong, NASA and Lockheed Martin made significant progress on the Quiet Supersonic Technology X-Plane (QUESST), a program designed to quiet the sound of a sonic boom and offer the world the promise of commercial supersonic air travel. Among Cam's other achievements at NASA Armstrong was his successful advocacy for the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) program, which still flies to this day and provides incredible science. During the fatal test flight crash of SpaceShip Two on October 31, 2014, Cam provided on-scene contingency communications support throughout the day directly to the chief executive of Mojave Air and Space Port, who described those contributions as providing "calm presence" and having "professional brilliance." Additionally, Cam has routinely served as a member of my Service Academy Panel, offering his expertise as a former Navy man to advise me on my annual appointments to the United States Service Academies.

Cam Martin's career at Armstrong will be remembered for his passion and energy, his aviator sunglasses, leather fighter pilot jacket, and of course his classic Mustang. I am grateful to be able to count him as a friend, and while he will no longer be working at Armstrong, I know that Cam will continue to advocate for space, science, technology, and, most importantly the first "A" in NASA-aeronautics.

After many years of service to our nation, I know that Cam looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Susi, and his children, Scott and Skye. Cam will be missed at NASA, but I salute his dedication to his field and country. I wish him the best as he begins this new chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFETIME OF SERVICE AND MINISTRY OF PAS- TOR DENIS MCBRIDE

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Pastor Denis McBride of the PCC Campus Church for his remarkable lifetime of service and ministry in Northwest Florida and around the world.

He began his ministry serving as a youth pastor, in addition to teaching history and Bible prior to his move to Pensacola, FL. He is a favorite among students across the nation and world as he dynamically taught Bible and history for over 25 years through the ABeka Academy distance-learning program.

In August of 2011, God called him to pastor Campus Church located on the premises of Pensacola Christian College. Pastor McBride displays a genuine love for families and a heart for young people.

As senior pastor of the Campus Church, he not only ministered to students, but also local families and thousands more across the country through the Rejoice telecast. People are automatically drawn to Pastor McBride for his down-to-earth personality and genuine interest in each member's spiritual well-being.

Faith and family values are the pillars of Northwest Florida, and it is an honor for me to have faith leaders in our district, such as Pastor McBride, who represent, preserve and promote those strong values through their leadership and service.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to congratulate Pastor Denis McBride for his lifetime of service and the extraordinary legacy he leaves for future leaders of our Faith.

HONORING LAKEISHA RICHARDSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable professional, Dr. Lakeisha Richardson.

As an alumna of Xavier University, the University of Tennessee Medical School and the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, the illustrious Dr. Lakeisha Richardson, has

emerged as one of the nation's most brilliant and well-respected Board-Certified Obstetrician/Gynecologist. "Dr. Lakeisha" as she is affectionately called by her clients and colleagues, advises and motivates women to prioritize their health, which she contends is their "true wealth".

When she is not delivering babies, treating patients, or saving lives in the ER, Dr. Lakeisha is captivating audiences at universities, corporate events, conferences, churches and nonprofit organizations, where she shares information about women's health strategies, self-empowerment, mental and psychological well-being, and the art of living a balanced life.

Her compelling story of personal challenges and triumphs combined with a compassionate heart and a wealth of knowledge makes Dr. Lakeisha relatable to all audiences. Her warm spirit, winning smile and engaging personality also leaves audiences captivated and inspired to live their best lives spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally, and financially.

Dr. Lakeisha is also very passionate about issues relating to women's sexual health. Her brilliance, expertise, and ability to provide women with the knowledge, skills and strategies they need in order to experience true intimacy, sexual pleasure, and fulfillment has led Dr. Lakeisha to facilitate numerous sessions on topics such as Communicating with Your Partner, Being an Active Part in Your Sexual Fulfillment, Overcoming Sexual Fears, Navigating New Sexual Territory, and Creating Your Ultimate Life.

Dr. Lakeisha is also a well-known speaker, consultant, radio show host, and an adjunct professor. She is the Founder and CEO of Dr. Lakeisha Ob/Gyn and has a successful private practice in Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Lakeisha Richardson for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. ESTES of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 267 on Agreeing to the Amendment, the Thornberry of Texas Part A Amendment No. 4. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 268 on Passage of H.R. 2851. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, if I were present, I would have voted NO on roll call number 265 to H.R. 5788.

If I were present, I would have voted NO on roll call number 266 to H.R. 5735.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for Roll Call votes 267 and 268 on Friday, June 15, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, on June 15, 2018, I was on personal medical leave and not present for the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: on Roll Call Vote 265, on Passage of H.R. 5788, the Securing the International Mail Against Opioids Act, I would have voted Aye; on Roll Call Vote 266, on Passage of H.R. 5735, the THRIVE Act, I would have voted Present; on Roll Call Vote 267, on Agreeing to the Thornbury Amendment, I would have voted No; and on Roll Call Vote 268, on Passage H.R. 2851, the Stop the Importation and Trafficking of Synthetic Analogues Act, I would have voted No.

HONORING MARY SIMS-JOHNSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Mary Sims-Johnson who is currently the Executive Director of Madison County Citizens Services Agency in Canton, Mississippi, an Adjunct Graduate Professor at Jackson State University and an Independent Consultant.

Dr. Mary Sims-Johnson completed her Ph.D. in 2003 at Jackson State University in Social Work Administration, Policy and Planning. She earned her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg and her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Mental Health from Tougaloo College. She has over 40 years of Social Work experience in areas of Administration, Financial Management, Supervision, Field Instruction, Clinical, Grant Writing, Training and Program Development. She has received Regional and National Awards, Appointments and Special Recognitions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Mary Sims-Johnson.

IN MEMORY OF GOVERNOR
GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN (1928–2018)

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, on May 8th, one of California's best governors passed

on. George Deukmejian as Governor showed us how to power up an economy, unleash private enterprise, keep taxes at bay, keep violent criminals behind bars while turning the Golden State even more golden.

Like many Californians, George didn't come from our state. Rather, he headed west from his boyhood in New York to find opportunity, to earn his living, to dream the big dream and create a life for his wife Gloria and his kids George Jr., Leslie and Andrea.

He took a risk to head west and make a new life. Once he got to California he quickly excelled as an attorney, then moved on to make laws as well as enforce them. He was first elected to the California Assembly from his home town, Long Beach. The voters then moved him on to the State Senate. From there he was elected statewide to the office of Attorney General. In 1982, the strong, yet quiet-spoken man was elected Governor of California.

With George at the helm, California enjoyed a surge of new economic growth: Silicon Valley came into its own, churning out more chips and computers; Hollywood pumped out more movies and TV and other entertainment, agriculture produced more food that fed the country and indeed the world. And all the while, the California aerospace industry built the rockets that took us into space, and created state-of-the-art aircraft and high-tech innovations that continue to keep our nation safe and economically superior to all enemies and competitors.

George Deukmejian, however, shouldn't be judged only by the state's startling economic record while he was Governor of California. His understanding and commitment to the rule of law and respect for our traditions and rules of civility defined him as a person and as a public figure. George Deukmejian knew that peace and safety were prerequisites of a happy life. He was, indeed, tough on crime, but his motives were based on protecting victims, and yes, the innocent. But even though his call sign was the "Iron Duke", he was a leader with a good heart and a strong belief in American democratic ideals. It is often overlooked, for example, that Governor George Deukmejian led a fight in California to divest the state of assets tied to the racist apartheid government of South Africa.

This commitment to freedom was not an anomaly. George's family were survivors of the Armenian genocide of Ottoman Turkey. From the first-hand accounts of his family of this monstrous crime, he opened his eyes to the evil that plagues the world. The Deukmejian family found refuge in America to start a new life. George learned from his family's experience to look forward with optimism and embrace the goodness and gifts that America had to offer. "True North" was George's moral compass in governance, while principles and integrity were his twin anchors. Folks across the political spectrum admired him as a great political leader. From humble beginnings he became one of California's great governors. Former Governor Deukmejian lived in retirement in his modest home in Long Beach. We shall miss him and we are grateful for his lifetime of service. He made California and America a better place.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MARIJUANA IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING PARITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Marijuana in Federally Assisted Housing Parity Act. My bill would permit the use of marijuana in federally assisted housing, including public housing and the Section 8 housing program, in compliance with the marijuana laws of the state where the property is located.

Individuals living in federally funded public housing should not be denied admission, or fear eviction, for using a legal product. The use of recreational and/or medicinal marijuana is currently legal in 29 states and the District of Columbia, and over 90 percent of Americans support legalized medical marijuana. Under current federal law, the users of drugs that are illegal under federal law, including marijuana, are prohibited from being admitted into federally assisted housing. Moreover, federal law allows landlords to evict current residents for drug use. Even the Food and Drug Administration has recently supported approving certain medication made from cannabis, including Epidiole, which would be administered as a syrup. Epidiole is used to treat children who suffer from seizures. Notably, the drug does not contain tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the psychoactive component in cannabis.

For the last several years, Congress has prohibited the Department of Justice (DOJ) from using federal funds to prevent jurisdictions from implementing their medical marijuana laws. This bill would similarly allow individuals to use marijuana in federally assisted housing in compliance with the state's marijuana laws.

Under my bill, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development must also develop regulations that restrict smoking marijuana in federally assisted housing in the same manner and to the same locations as the Secretary restricts smoking tobacco in federally assisted public housing.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, like the DOJ, should not be allowed to enforce federal marijuana laws where states have taken action to legalize marijuana. The Marijuana in Federally Assisted Housing Parity Act states that a person may not be denied federally assisted housing based on the use of marijuana in compliance with the marijuana laws of the state where the property is located.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal commitment, I was unable to vote on the following: Roll Call No. 267 and Roll Call No. 268.